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Mr. Ron Huffman
USDI Fish & Wildlife Refuge
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
14000 West State Route 2
Oak Harbor, OH 43449

Dear Mr. Huffman:

Enclosed please find: 10 Delta traps
string
directions for assembly of traps
tally sheet(s) for recording moth catches

This should be all the material that is needed for the gypsy moth trapping program at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in 2008.

The pheromone strip has already been stapled to each trap. Please do not remove the pheromone strip. The traps are ready to be assembled. Please number each trap and record to corresponding location on a map. The traps should be deployed by **June 23** and retrieved during the week of **September 19**. The traps should be inspected during the middle of the trapping season to ensure that they have not been stolen or vandalized. If either of these has occurred, replace with a spare trap and note the date of the trap replacement on the tally sheet(s).

By **September 30**, please send back the entire trap so that any potential gypsy moths can be verified by our office. Please send a **map** depicting where the traps were deployed.

Just a reminder, please try and deploy the traps in the same location as in years past; if possible, do not place all the traps in one location (unless this is your only area susceptible to gypsy moth defoliation).

As the presence of gypsy moths increase in this part of Ohio, it is important that Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge personnel look for other gypsy moth life stages such as larvae, pupae and/or egg masses while performing their normal duties. For a list of publications that can be helpful with the identification of these life states, please visit the GM Digest web page at: http://www/na/fs.fed.us/fhp/gm.

If there is an error in the address and/or contact person, please notify us of this change. Please send all information to:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (304) 285-1556.

Sincerely,

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